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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE REGARDING SUPPORT
FOR CONSTITUTIONAL ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ

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(SBU) Poloff discussed coordination of constitutional assistance to Iraq July 15 with MFA Director for the Middle East, Asia and Africa, Andreea Pastarnac, providing her a nonpaper that stressed the importance of the international community's support for Iraq's constitutional process (Ref). During a July 18 follow-up conversation, Pastarnac told PolOff that Romania remains committed to tangibly assisting the development of democratic institutions in Iraq. She noted that Romania had, indeed, committed to providing support for constitutional reform, although there are no programs currently underway. She added, however, that Romania plans "institutional reconstruction" support for the Iraqi justice sector, as well as other areas (Septel). She also stated that the GOR would welcome further suggestions from the U.S. in regard to possible support it could provide to further of Iraq's constitutional process.

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